

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 and 21-25 are currently pending, of which Claims 1-15 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 16, 18 and 23-25 have been amended by the present amendment. Support for the amendments to independent Claims 16, 24 and 25 is found, by way of non-limiting example, in the specification description page 42, line 19 to page 43, line 3, and page 59, line 23 to page 60, line 5. Accordingly, the amendments to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter; and Claims 16-19 and 21-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,948,040 to DeLorme et al. (hereinafter, "DeLorme").

Responsive to the rejection of Claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter, Claim 25 has been amended to clarify that the recited storage medium is non-transitory.

With regard to the rejection of these claims as based upon *In re Bilski*, the United States Supreme Court is expected to issue its opinion on the appeal of *Bilski* during the month of June 2010. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that any further response to this rejection be held in abeyance pending the issuance of the U.S. Supreme Court written opinion. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Responsive to the rejection of Claims 16-19 and 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by DeLorme, independent Claims 16, 24 and 25 have been amended to clarify that the user information is stored in a storing means of the information processing apparatus and that the information processing apparatus holds the user information and

prevents the user information from being transmitted to the second information processing apparatus.

The Office Action generally associates the previously claimed features with the TRIPS system described in DeLorme.¹

As discussed previously, DeLorme describes that, first, a user selects and registers a route with the TRIPS system, which then executes travel arrangements for the route registered by the user.² Therefore, in DeLorme, the user is required to select and register route information (i.e., user information) with the TRIPS system before the TRIPS system can execute travel arrangements for the route registered by the user.

However, there is no description in DeLorme that the TRIPS system can execute travel arrangements for a route selected by the user without the user-selected route being registered with the TRIPS system. Further, since DeLorme is directed to a travel reservation and planning system, it is submitted that DeLorme's TRIPS system *cannot* execute travel arrangements for a route selected by the user without the user-selected route being registered with the TRIPS system. Finally, because the TRIPS system of DeLorme registers the user selected route in a system with communication to and from third party providers via provider input/output 231³ DeLorme cannot hold the user information and prevent the user information from being transmitted to the second information processing apparatus in being made available via the internet.

Thus, DeLorme does not describe or render obvious the receiving of accumulated information accumulated in another second information processing apparatus from the second information processing apparatus without registering the user information with the second information processing apparatus and that the information processing apparatus holds the

¹ See Office Action dated September 16, 2009, page 12.

² See DeLorme, Fig. 1A and the description thereof.

³ See column 31, lines 42-44.

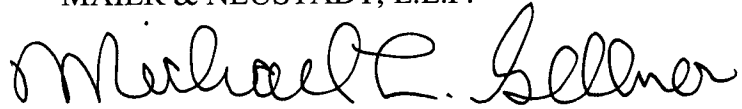
user information and prevents the user information from being transmitted to the second information processing apparatus, as clarified in Claims 6, 16, 24 and 25.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of Claims 16-19 and 21-25 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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